



## **Resolution #HSRA 14-19**

### **General Direction to Staff Regarding the Expenditure of Appropriated Proceeds from the Cap and Trade Program**

**Whereas**, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 852 and SB 862 which include one-time appropriations as well as ongoing appropriations to the high-speed rail project from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF);

**Whereas**, use of funds from the GGRF are intended to facilitate the achievement of reductions of greenhouse gas emissions in California and, where applicable and to the extent feasible: (1) maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the state; (2) foster job creation by promoting in-state greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects carried out by California workers and businesses; (3) complement efforts to improve air quality; (4) direct investment toward the most disadvantaged communities and households in the state; (5) provide opportunities for businesses, public agencies, nonprofits, and other community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and, (6) lessen the impacts and effects of climate change on the state's communities, economy, and environment;

**Whereas**, the high-speed rail project and related investments will help achieve these goals set forth by the Legislature by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, creating jobs, complementing other emission reduction efforts, and directly benefiting disadvantaged communities;

**Whereas**, the Administration and the Authority have explained in correspondence to the Legislature a general approach to ensuring greenhouse gas reductions take place as quickly as possible;

**Whereas**, the Authority Board wishes to provide formal concurrence regarding priorities for investment of appropriations from the GGRF;

### **Therefore, it is resolved:**

- 1.) The Authority Board concurs with the priority to move forward with the approach outlined in the CEO's letter to State Senator Fran Pavley, including the prioritization of the Palmdale to Burbank project section for expenditure of Cap and Trade proceeds as they become available and in accordance with provisions of the law; and,
- 2.) The CEO must report back on a semi-annual basis to the Board as feasibility analysis on this strategy is conducted and funds are expended to ensure proper Board oversight of the use of these appropriated funds.

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Date: August 12, 2014

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